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**GAYLORD SERVICE CENTER** EASTERN MICHIGAN DIVISION

August 23, 2007

Ms. Mary Levine, Director of Legal Affairs Michigan State Housing Development Authority 735 East Michigan Avenue Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Michigan's Qualified Allocation Plan

Dear Ms. Levine:

The Salvation Army (Gaylord Service Center) supports all changes to Michigan's Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) that will increase the number of housing units made available to persons who are homeless and/or special needs individuals/families.

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit Program is one of the largest resources made available to Michigan to create new or rehabilitated affordable units for low income people, and as you may be aware, Michigan's economic climate has increased the homeless population across the state. night, Michigan has a homeless population that exceeds 80,000 people, and it is imperative that tax credit dollars are dedicated to the creation of units that will assist this population and/or those with special needs.

For the State of Michigan to receive approximately \$200,000,000 annually from the federal government and not to set aside a large percentage of these funds to help the homeless and/or those with special needs is to disregard the poorest members of our society.

Thank you for the opportunity to express my concerns.

Roland Chavey

Yours in His Service.

Service Center Director

